

**Notice of Allowability**

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 05/03/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-28.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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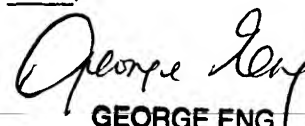
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5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
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7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_



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### DETAILED ACTION

This office is response to RCE file on 05/03/2006.

#### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

Claims 1-28 are allow.

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art record, regarding **claim 1**. O' Sullivan teaches networks comprising:  
a plurality of hybrid device for enabling telephony communications (Title, C2, L45-51, C5, L37-49, Fig.4, No.68 Illustrate hybrid communication control unit means as hybrid device);

a landline connection path between said landline communications network and said hybrid device (C5, L12-25, C6, L1-6, Fig.2, Illustrate landline connection),

a wireless connection path between said wireless communications network and said hybrid device (C4, L48-67, C5, L1-11, Fig.1, Illustrate wireless connection);

However, the combination of O' Sullivan and Tam are **fails to teach or fairly suggest**

an available unit for determining if said landline connection path is available to said hybrid device;

a switch to select one of said landline connection path and said wireless connection path for operation of said hybrid device, wherein said wireless connection path is selected at least when said landline connection path is unavailable, said switch further selecting one of said wireless connection path and said landline connection path

an outgoing call based on at least one predetermined performance factor when said wireless connection path and said landline connection path are available; and

a transfer device connected to the landline communications network to transfer one of said telephony communications enabled by said hybrid device from said landline communications network to said wireless communications network when said switch selects said wireless connection path as substantially connect and specific details including all of the limitations particularly recited in claims 11, 18 and 26.

Claims 2-10, 12-17, 19-25 and 27-28 are allowed as being dependent on the independent claims 1, 11, 18 and 26.

### ***Conclusion***

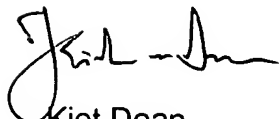
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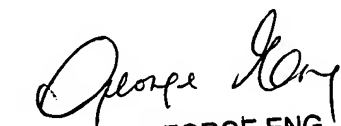
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